

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003. Claims 1-62 are pending. Claims 2-5 and 16-59 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 60 are rejected. Claims 1 and 60 have been canceled. Claims 6-15 and 61-62 are allowed. Accordingly, claims 2-59 and 61-62 remain pending in the present application.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Umezawa et al. (5521741) or by Shirasaki (5982539). Claim 1 has been canceled, thus its rejection is moot.

Claims 1 and 60 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jin et al. (5627924) and under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Jin et al. (6577430). Claims 1 and 60 have been canceled, thus their rejections are moot.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 6-15 and 61-62.

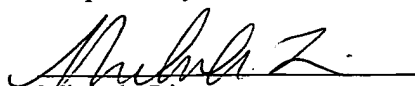
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 6-15 and 61-62 are patentable over the cited references. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and does not appear to be any more relevant than the applied references.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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